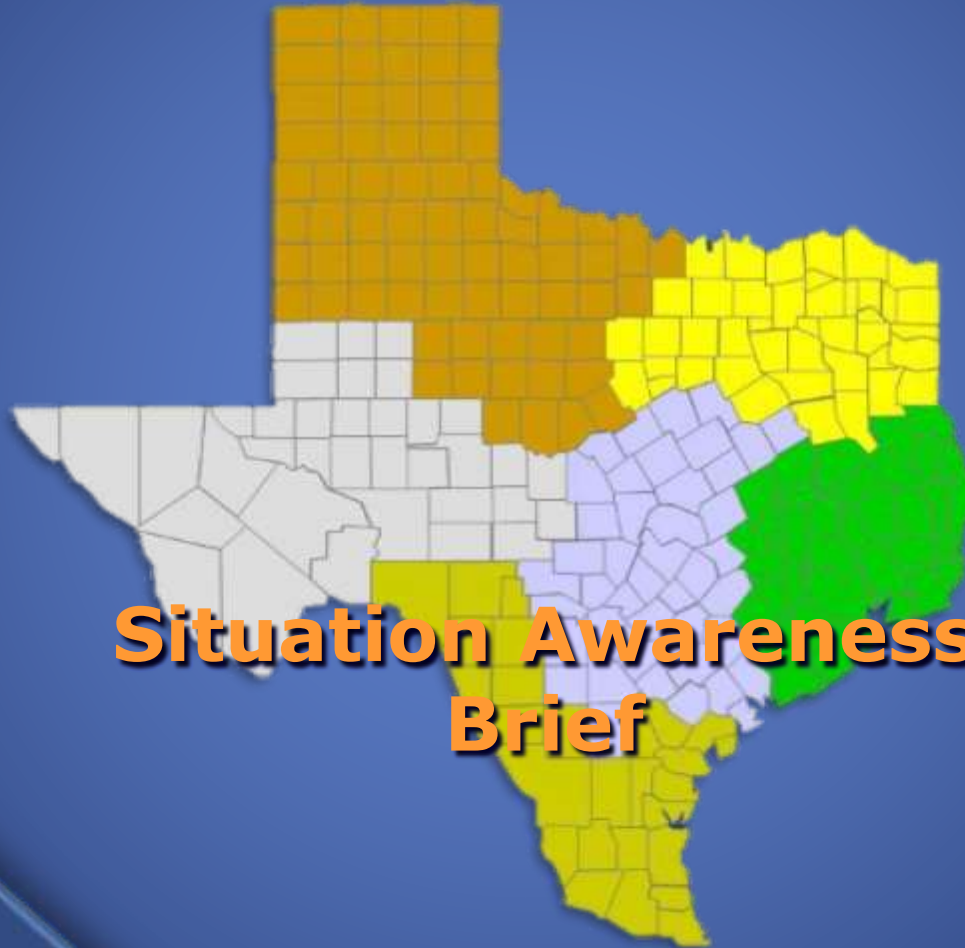


Texas Division of Emergency Management Texas State Operations Center



Situation Awareness Brief



**Thursday, December 31st, 2020
As of 0900 CST**

Incidents Reported to the State Operations Center (last 24 hours)

DATE	SUBJECT	LOCATION	Final Report (Y/N)
12/30/20	Initial and Final Report of a Tornado	Navarro County	Y
12/30/20	Initial Report of a Road Closure (IH10)	Culberson County	N
12/30/20	Final Report of a Road Closure (IH10)	Culberson County	Y
12/30/20	Initial Report of a Road Closure (US 83)	Dimmit County	N
12/31/20	Final Report of the Road Closure(US 83)	Dimmit County	Y

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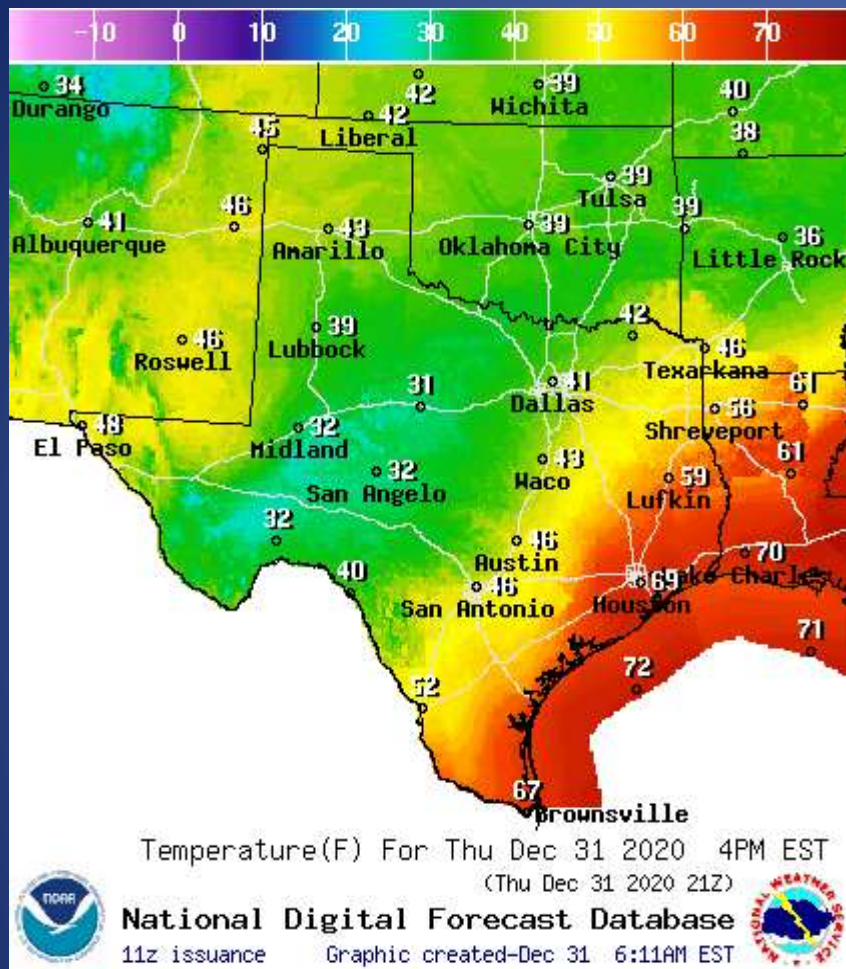
DATE	SUBJECT
12/30/20	NWS Fort Worth: Severe Storms/Heavy Rain/Winter Weather Potential Wed & Thurs
12/30/20	NWS West Gulf River Forecast: Heavy Rainfall/River Flood Threat
12/30/20	NWS Lubbock -Weather Briefing - Winter Weather, Thursday, Dec 31, 2020

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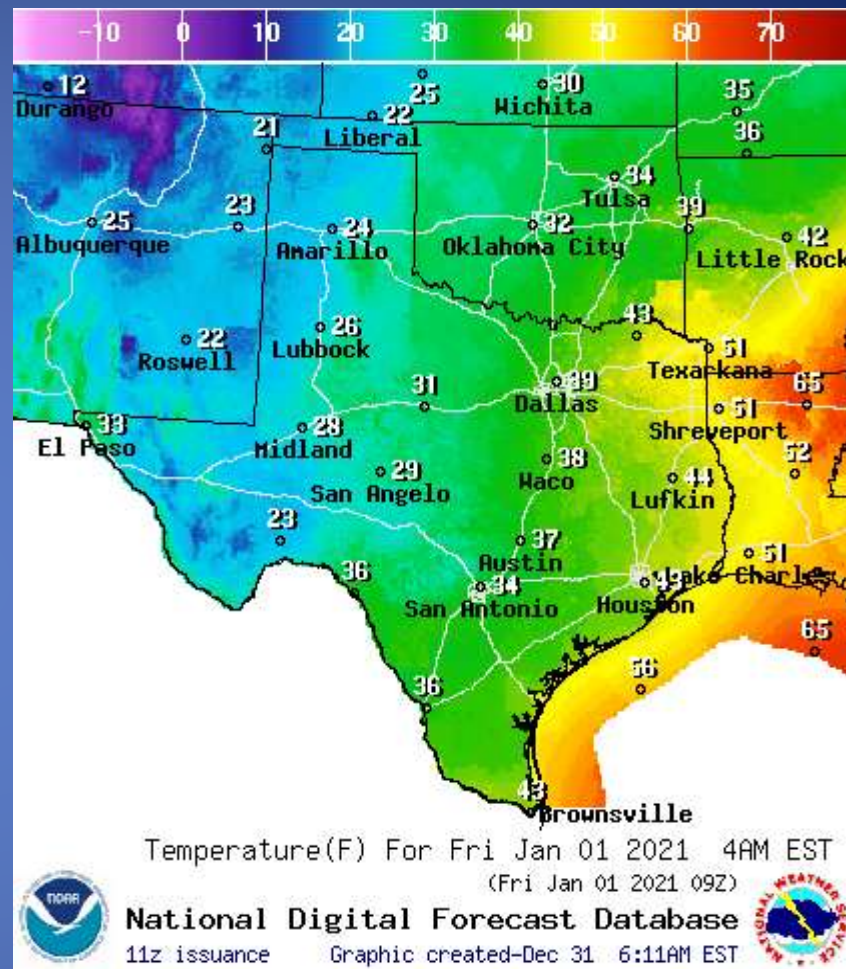
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12/30/20	NWS Brownsville- Weather Update: Severe Weather Tonight/Early Thursday and Marine Hazards Today through Thursday
12/30/20	NWS Houston/Galveston: Heavy Rainfall and Severe Thunderstorm threat Tonight and Thursday
12/30/20	NWS Lake Charles: Weather Update 2:30 PM Wed
12/30/20	NWS Midland- Significant Winter Storm Expected Today and Thursday
12/30/20	NWS Austin/San Antonio: Marginal Risk of Severe Storms This Afternoon - Accumulating Snow for Some Areas Thursday
12/30/20	Weather Update: Severe Weather Tonight/Early Thursday and Marine Hazards Today through Thursday
12/31/20	NWS Austin/San Antonio: Winter Weather for the Edwards Plateau and Hill Country
12/31/20	Silver Alert - Wichita County Sheriff's Office - Soliz
12/31/20	NWS Midland: Winter Storm Continues Today
12/31/20	NWS Houston/Galveston: Severe Weather Threat Today

Weather Forecast

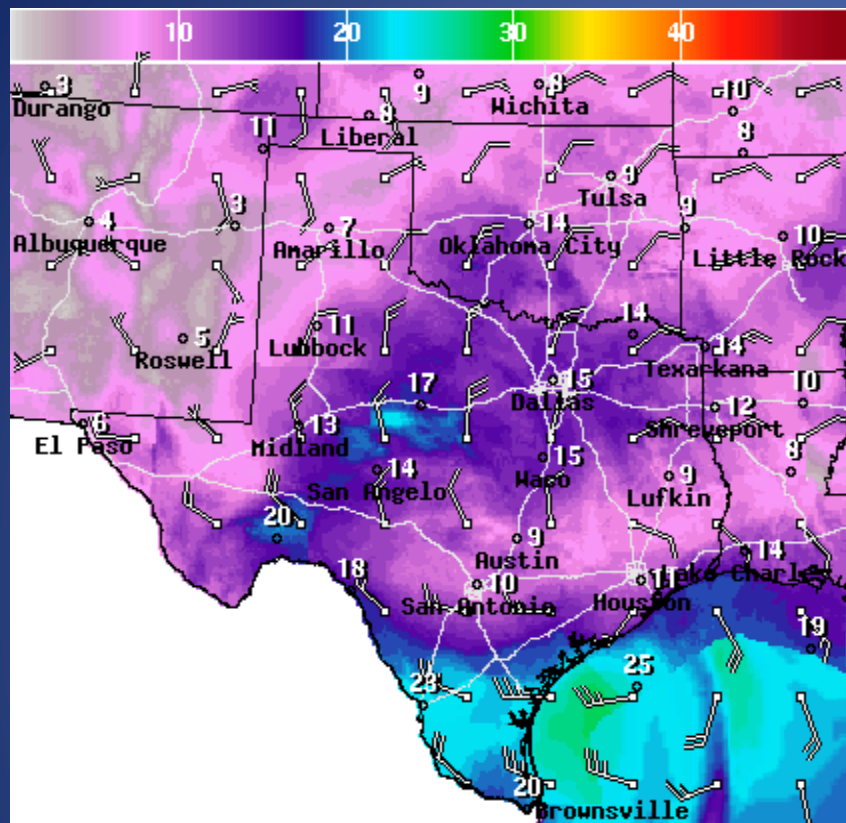


Highs



Lows

Weather Forecast



WindSpd(Kts) & WindDir For Thu Dec 31 2020 4PM EST
(Thu Dec 31 2020 21Z)



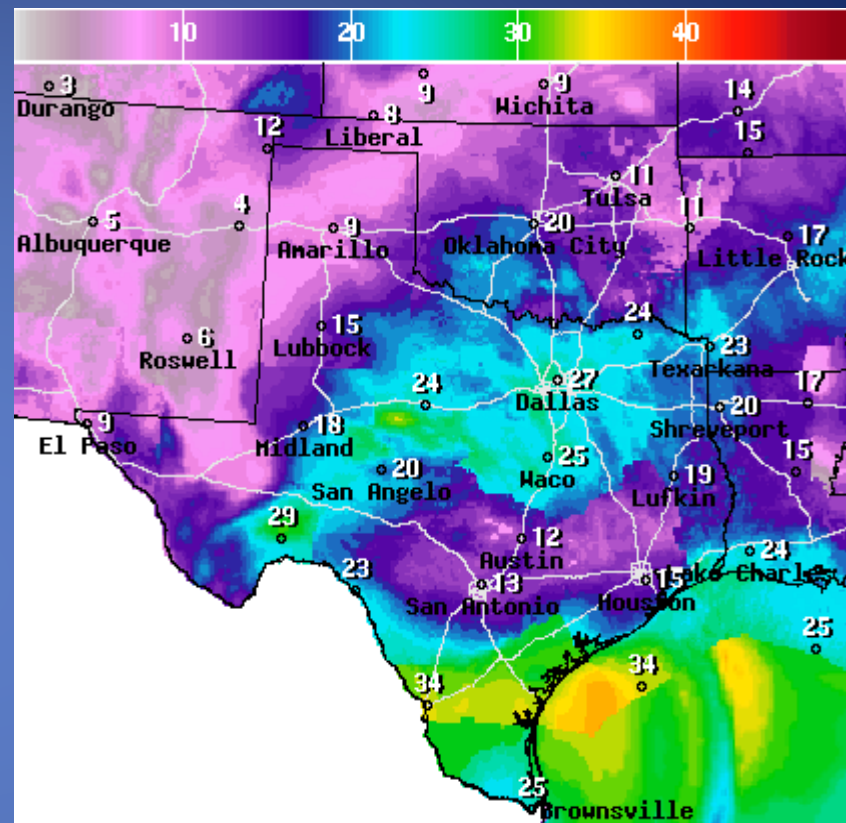
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Wind Speeds



Wind Gust(Kts) Thu Dec 31 2020 4PM EST
(Thu Dec 31 2020 21Z)



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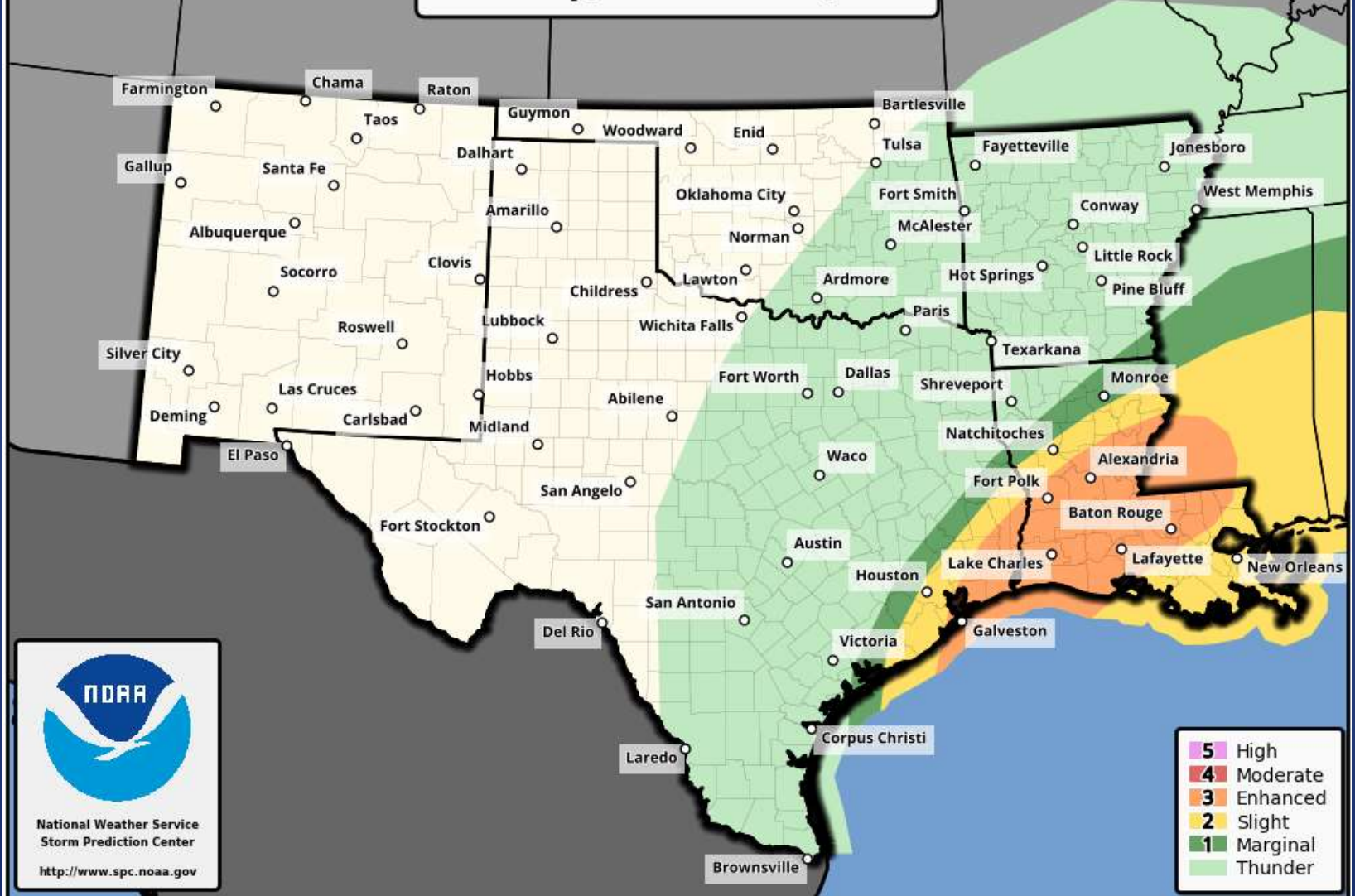
Gusts

Hazardous Weather

Highlighted Area: FEMA Region 6

Last Updated: Dec 31 2020 0638 AM CST
Valid Until: Jan 01 2021 0600 AM CST

Severe Weather Outlook Thursday, December 31, 2020



National Weather Service
Storm Prediction Center
<http://www.spc.noaa.gov>

Hazardous Weather

Snow Potential for Tonight through Friday Morning

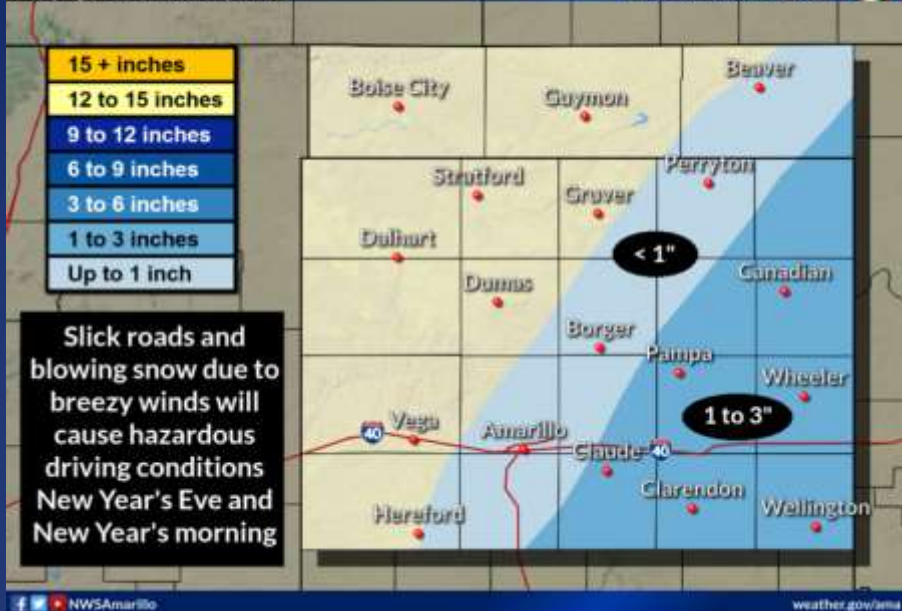
Weather Forecast Office

Amarillo, TX



Locally higher amounts will be possible

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While chances for higher amounts are better east of the Panhandles, areas across the southeastern third could see amounts of 1-3 inches of snow starting tonight through Friday morning.

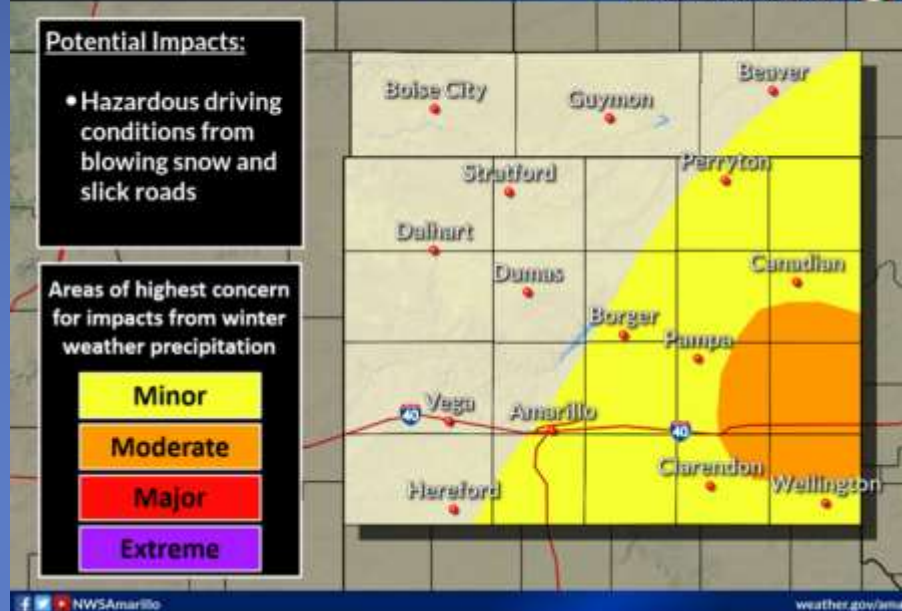
Potential Impacts Tonight through Friday Morning

Weather Forecast Office

Amarillo, TX



Issued Dec 31, 2020 3:37 AM CST



Minor to moderate impacts can be expected tonight into Friday morning from snow and blowing snow. Driving conditions may become hazardous as roads become slick. Slow down.

Hazardous Weather



Up to 3 inches of snow is forecast across the Rolling Plains throughout the evening hours Thursday into early Friday morning. Light to very light snow with little-to-no accumulations are forecast west of the I-27 corridor.



A Winter Storm Warning remains in effect for most of West Texas until midnight CST tonight.

Hazardous Weather

Winter Storm Warning

Weather Forecast Office
San Angelo, TX
Issued Dec 31, 2020 3:09 AM CST



WHAT: Heavy snow, sleet, and freezing rain. Total snow accumulations of 4 to 7 inches possible west of an Abilene to San Angelo to Ozona line. Higher amounts near 10 inches in Crockett/Irion/Sterling counties possible. East of this line, expect totals of 3 to 6 inches. Light accumulations of sleet/ice are also possible. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

WHEN:

Winter Storm Warning - In effect through midnight Friday for most of the area. In effect through 6 AM across the Big Country.

IMPACTS:

- Expect dangerous road conditions.



f t NWS San Angelo

weather.gov/sjt

A Winter Storm warning is in effect for most of West Central Texas through midnight Friday and through 6 AM Friday across the Big Country. Expect snow accumulations of 4 to 7 inches west of an Ozona, to San Angelo, to Abilene line. Higher amounts near 10 inches are possible in Crockett/Irion/Sterling Counties. East of this line, expect totals of 3 to 6 inches. Light accumulations of sleet/ice are also possible.

Winter Weather Headlines

Weather Forecast Office
Fort Worth, TX
Issued Dec 31, 2020 4:09 AM CST



Today and Tonight

Winter Storm Warning

WHAT: Heavy snow possible. Total snow accumulations of 2-4 inches, with isolated higher amounts possible. Light freezing rain will be possible this morning.

WHEN: Rain/freezing rain this morning, transitioning to snow this evening.

Travel could be very difficult in this area. Hazardous conditions could impact any New Year's Eve/Day travel plans.

Winter Weather Advisory

WHAT: Total snow accumulations of up to 2 inches will be possible

WHEN: This evening and tonight

Plan for slippery road conditions this evening/tonight.



f t NWS Fort Worth

weather.gov/fortworth

Portions of North and Central Texas are now under a Winter Storm Warning and a Winter Weather Advisory. In the Winter Storm Warning, some freezing rain will be possible this morning. Minor accumulations will be possible on elevated surfaces, but overall, impacts are not expected. Tonight, that same area will transition to snow, which could be heavy at times. Snow amounts of 3-4 inches are expected, with higher amounts possible. Further east, a Winter Weather Advisory is in effect. Snow accumulations of up to 2" will be possible. If you have any travel plans to ring in the new year, plan accordingly as road conditions could be quite icy.

Hazardous Weather

Forecast Snow Accumulations

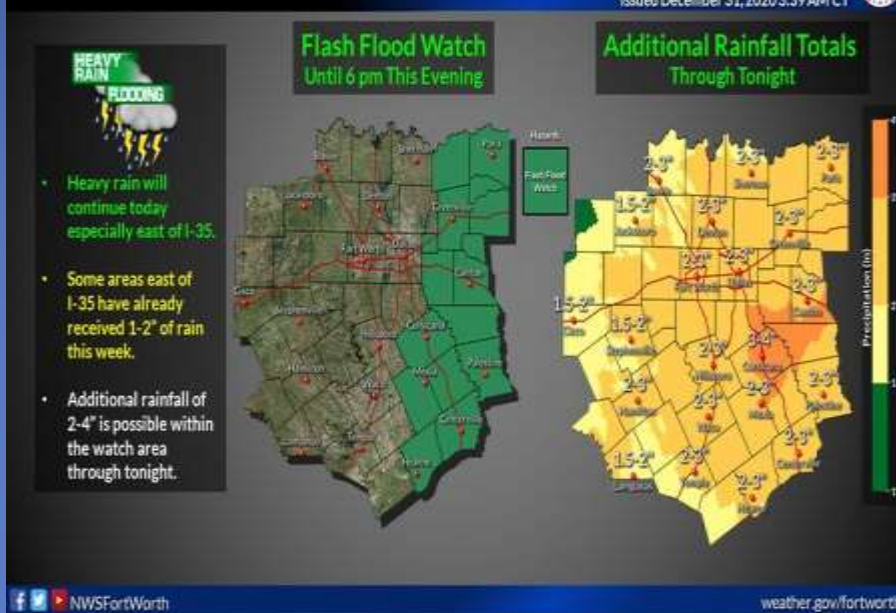
Weather Forecast Office
Fort Worth, TX
Issued Dec 31, 2020 4:30 AM CST



There is the potential for moderate to heavy snow across our far western counties where snow accumulations of 2 to 4 inches are possible. Snow may mix with rain as far east as the I-35 corridor. The immediate I-35 corridor is not expected to see accumulating snow, but areas to the west may begin to pick up an inch or two with any heavy snow band. Accumulating winter precipitation may cause travel to become difficult. Slippery road conditions could impact any New Year's Eve/Day travel plans.

Flooding Threat Through This Evening

Weather Forecast Office
Fort Worth, TX
Issued December 31, 2020 3:39 AM CT



A Flash Flood Watch is in effect for portions of North and Central Texas through 6pm this evening. The watch covers areas east of I-35, where additional rain totals of 2-4 inches are possible. Remember, if you encounter a flooded road, Turn Around Don't Drown!

Hazardous Weather

Flash Flood Watch in Effect

Valid through 12 AM CST Friday

Weather Forecast Office
Shreveport, LA

Issued Dec 31, 2020 4:23 AM CST



A Flash Flood Watch is in effect for the majority of the Four-State Region through midnight tonight. Total rainfall amounts of 3-6 inches are expected in the Watch area with isolated higher amounts possible. If you encounter flooded roadways...turn around, don't drown!

Severe Weather Risk - Today through Tonight

Valid from Thu 6:00 AM through Fri 6:00 AM CST

Weather Forecast Office
Shreveport, LA

Issued December 31, 2020 6:57 AM CT



The threat of severe thunderstorms will return across the southeast half of the region later this afternoon through this evening. Damaging winds and isolated tornadoes will be the primary concerns, especially in the Slight and Enhanced Risk areas, from Toledo Bend eastward across Central and Northeast Louisiana. Otherwise, a Marginal Risk covers parts of Deep East Texas, North Louisiana, and Southeast Arkansas.

Hazardous Weather

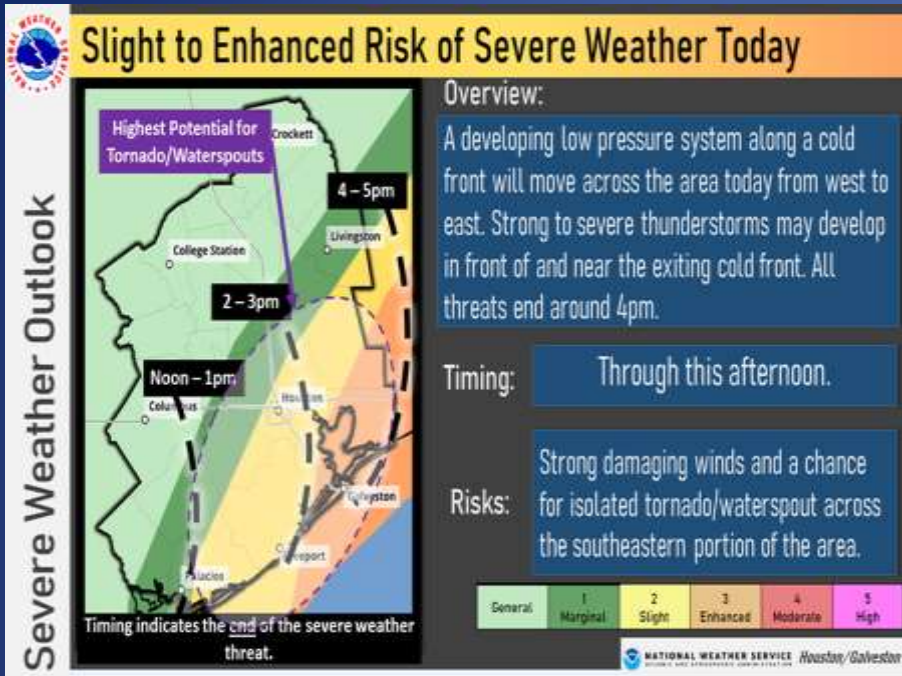


The threat of additional heavy rainfall will continue through today before gradually tapering off later tonight. On top of what has already fallen, an additional 1-3 inches of rainfall could occur through midnight tonight as a Flash Flood Watch remains in effect for much of the region.



Rain will become a wintry mix this morning across our northwestern counties, with a changeover to all snow expected in some areas through the afternoon. By the time precipitation comes to an end late this evening, snowfall accumulations will range from a dusting to 2 inches for most folks. Across northern portions of Val Verde and Edwards Counties, a few isolated pockets of 3 to perhaps 5 inches are possible. A Winter Storm Warning will be in effect for Kerr, Real, Edwards, and Val Verde through midnight. Farther east, any wintry precip will hold off until later in the day, and a Winter Weather Advisory is in effect for Gillespie, Burnet, and Llano counties from noon to midnight.

Hazardous Weather



There is a risk for strong to severe thunderstorm development today across parts of Southeast Texas.

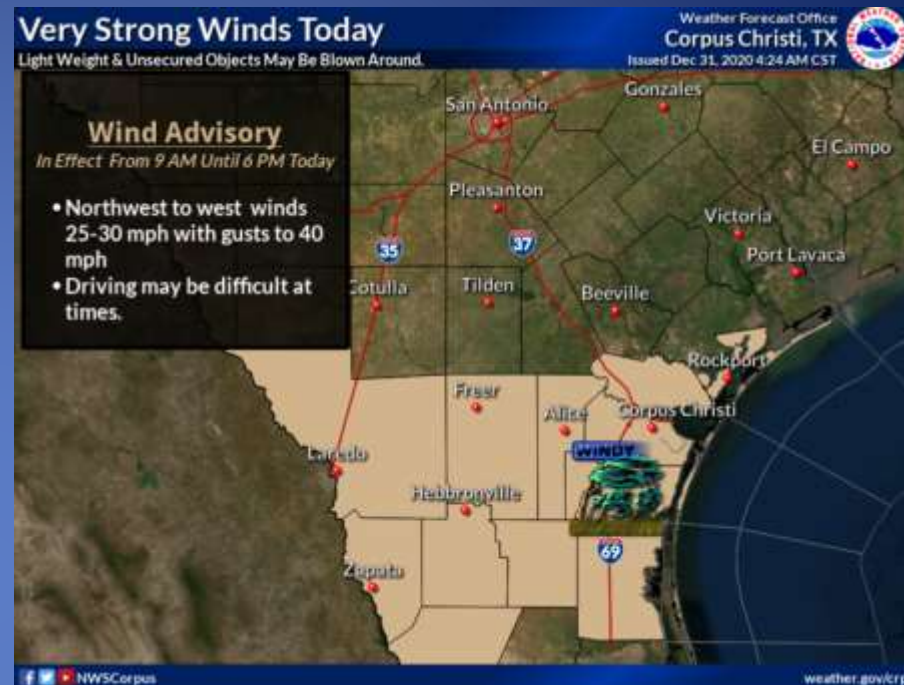


Flash Flood Watch in effect through 3 PM.

Hazardous Weather



There will be an enhanced risk of severe weather on Thursday, with activity expected to begin in the early afternoon in portions of SE TX, moving eastward thereafter, and continuing through Thursday evening until a cold front passes through. Tornadoes along with damaging wind gusts and large hail are all potential threats.



Northwest to west winds will increase later this morning over the southern Brush Country to the Coastal Bend behind a cold front that has moved through the area. The winds will increase to 25 to 30 mph with gusts to 40 mph by mid morning and continue through the afternoon. A Wind Advisory is in effect until 6 PM today.

Hazardous Weather



Very strong west winds of 25 to 30 knots with gusts to around 40 knots will develop this morning as a cold front moves through the coastal waters. A Gale Warning is in effect from 9 AM this morning through the evening hours for the Gulf waters and until 6 PM for the bays. Bays will become choppy to rough with seas building to 6 to 11 feet over the Gulf.



A Wind Advisory is in effect from 9 AM this morning to 6 PM CST tonight. West winds of 20-35 mph with gusts to 40 mph will occur in the shaded area on the graphic. Use caution if driving in a high-profile vehicle, and fasten any loose outdoor items.

Hazardous Weather



It will be quite windy and cooler today across the Rio Grande Valley. Hazardous marine conditions are also expected after showers and thunderstorms clear off to the east this morning. A Wind Advisory, Gale Warning, and Small Craft Advisory are all in effect today, so stay weather aware today!

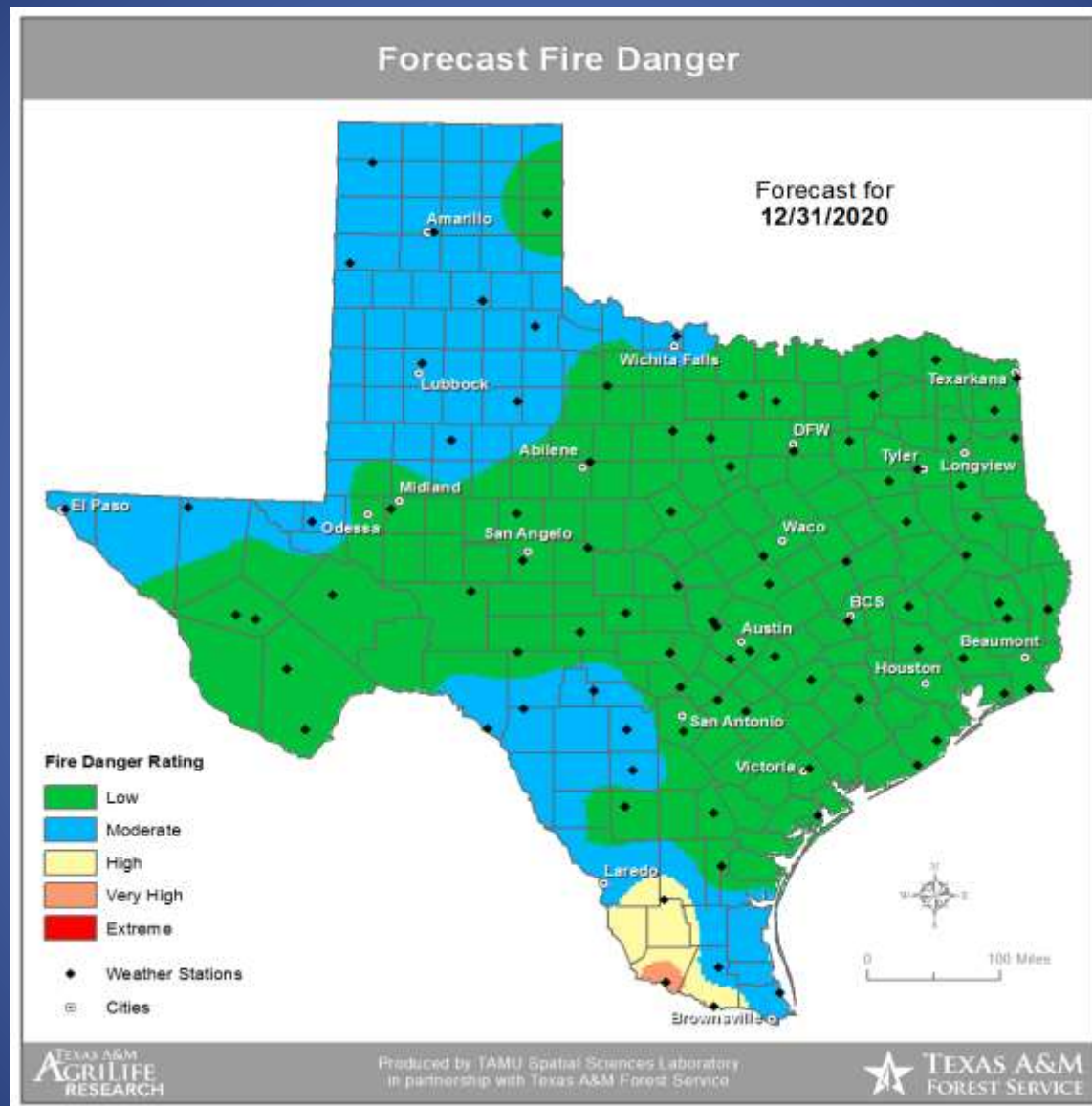
Weather Warning/Advisories Issued

DATE	WARNING TYPE	LOCATION
12/30/20	Flood Warning	Black Cypress Bayou – Affecting Marion & Cass Counties; Sulphur River Near Talco - Affecting Franklin, Morris, Red River & Titus Counties; White Oak Creek - Affecting Morris, Titus & Franklin Counties; Rabbit Creek at Kilgore – Affecting Gregg County; Sabine River Near Mineola - Affecting Smith & Wood Counties; Cowleech Fork Sabine River at Greenville- Affecting Hunt County; South Fork Sabine River near Quinlan – Affecting Kaufman, Hunt & Rockwall Counties
12/30/20	Flood Warning	Austin, Fort Bend, Jackson and Wharton Counties
12/30/20	Flash Flood Watch	Angelina, Bowie, Camp, Cass, Cherokee, Gregg, Franklin, Harrison, Marion, Morris, Nacogdoches, Panola, Red River, Rusk, San Augustine, Shelby, Smith, Titus, Upshur, Wood Counties
12/31/20	Flash Flood Watch	Angelina, Bowie, Camp, Cass, Cherokee, Gregg, Franklin, Harrison, Marion, Morris, Nacogdoches, Panola, Red River, Rusk, San Augustine, Shelby, Smith, Titus, Upshur, Wood Counties

Weather Warning/Advisories Issued

DATE	WARNING TYPE	LOCATION
12/31/20	Flood Advisory	Aransas, Kleberg, Nueces, Jackson & San Patricio Counties
12/31/20	Winter Storm Warning	Brown, Burnet, Callahan, Coke, Coleman, Comanche, Concho, Crockett, Eastland, Edwards, Erath, Fisher, Gillespie, Haskell, Hamilton, Hood, Irion, Jack, Jones, Kerr, Kimble, Lampasas, Llano, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Mills, Montague, Nolan, Palo Pinto, Parker, Real, Runnels, San Saba, Schleicher, Shackelford, Somervell, Sterling, Stephens, Sutton, Taylor, Throckmorton, Tom Green, Val Verde, Wise & Young Counties
12/31/20	Urban & Small Stream Flood Advisory	Nueces & San Patricio Counties
12/31/20	Tornado Watch	Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty and Matagorda Counties

Fire Danger Forecast



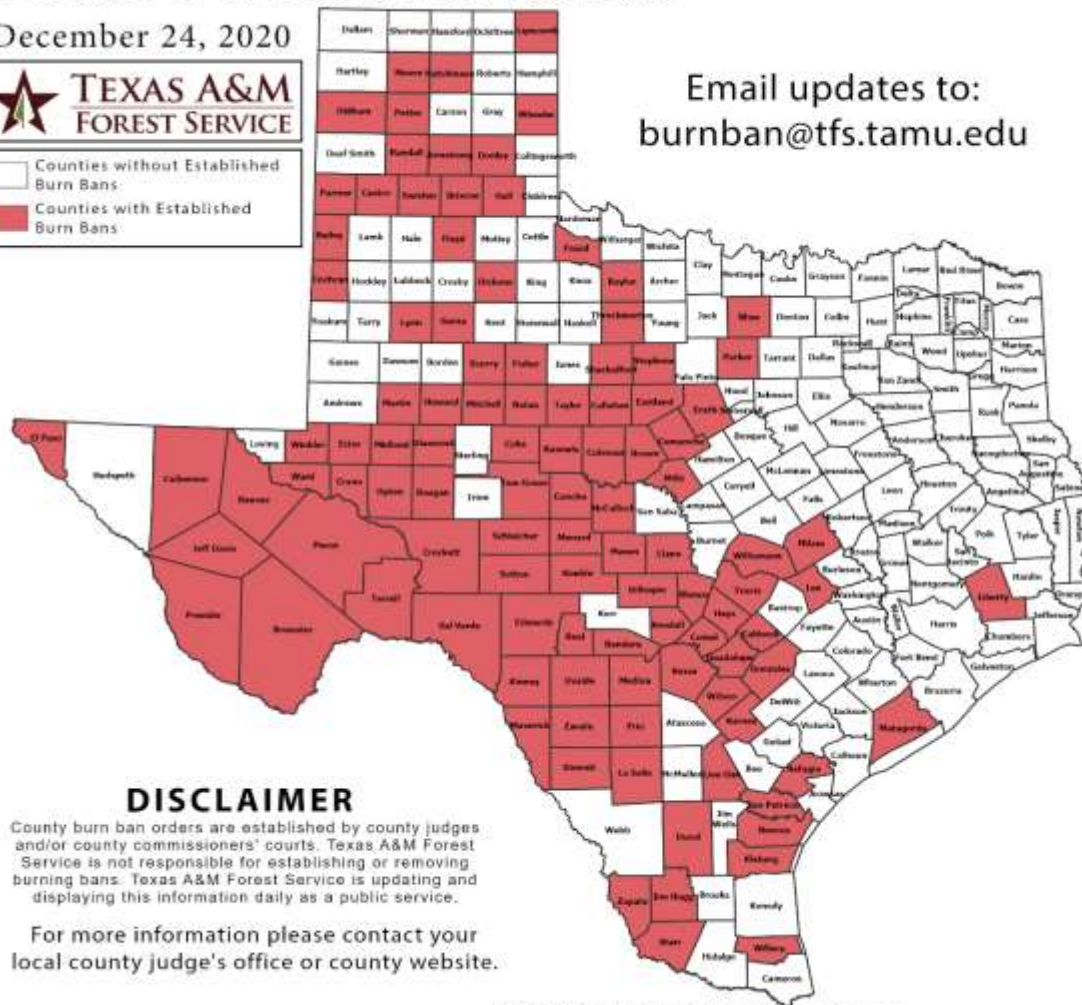
Burn Ban

OUTDOOR BURN BANS

December 24, 2020



☐ Counties without Established Burn Bans
☒ Counties with Established Burn Bans



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County burn ban orders are established by county judges and/or county commissioners' courts. Texas A&M Forest Service is not responsible for establishing or removing burning bans. Texas A&M Forest Service is updating and displaying this information daily as a public service.

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burnban@tfs.tamu.edu

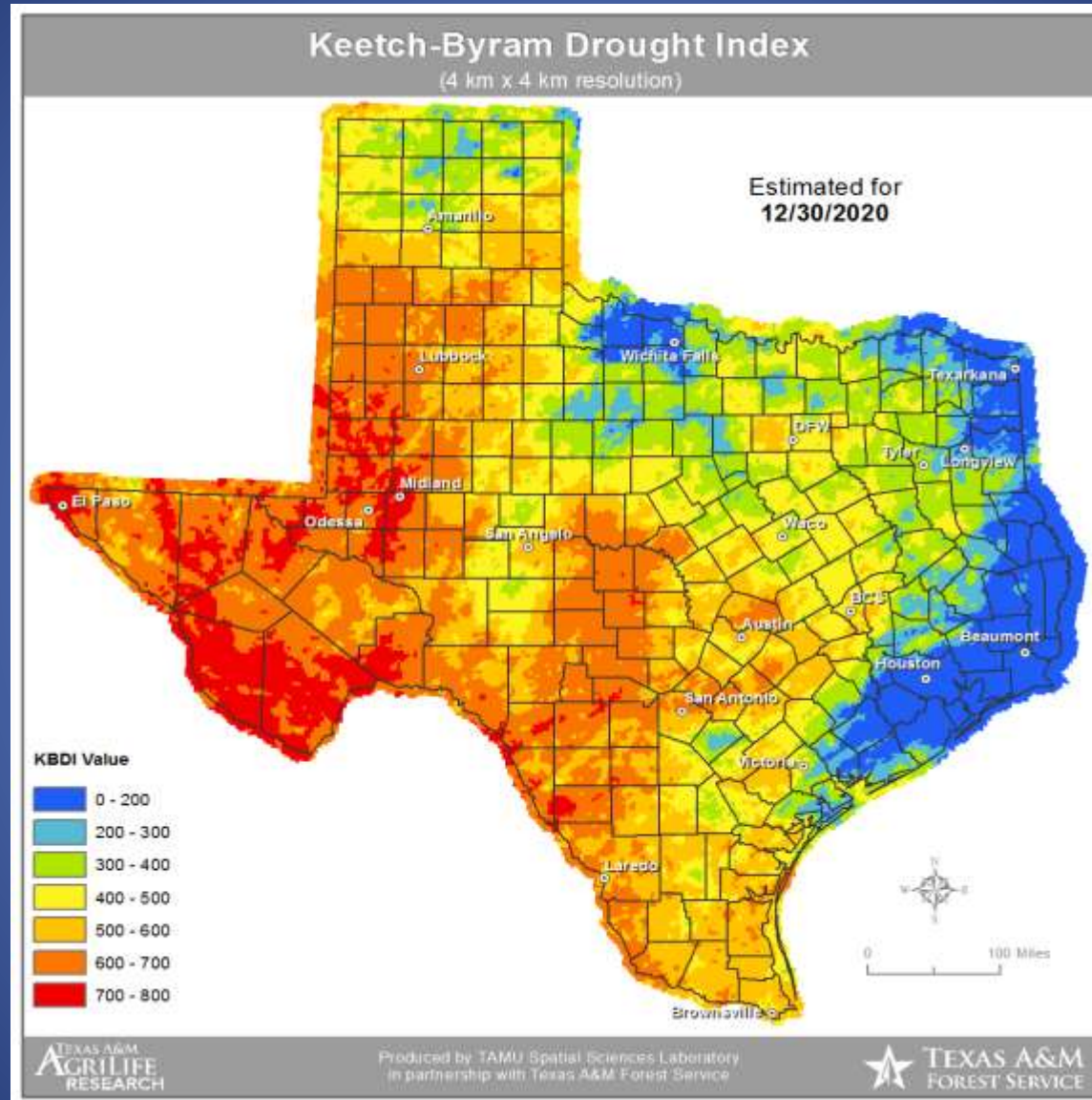
Counties with Burn Bans: 108

Armstrong	Live Oak
Bailey	Llano
Bandera	Lynn
Baylor	McClulloch
Bexar	Martin
Blanco	Mason
Brewster	Matagorda
Briscoe	Maverick
Brown	Medina
Caldwell	Menard
Callahan	Midland
Castro	Milam
Cochran	Mills
Coke	Mitchell
Coleman	Moore
Comal	Nolan
Comanche	Nueces
Concho	Oldham
Crane	Parker
Crockett	Parmer
Culberson	Pecos
Dickens	Potter
Dimmit	Presidio
Donley	Randall
Duval	Reagan
Eastland	Real
Ector	Reeves
Edwards	Refugio
El Paso	Runnels
Erath	San Patricio
Fisher	Schleicher
Floyd	Scurry
Foard	Shackelford
Frio	Starr
Garza	Stephens
Gillespie	Sutton
Glasscock	Swisher
Gonzales	Taylor
Guadalupe	Terrell
Hall	Throckmorton
Hays	Tom Green
Howard	Travis
Hutchinson	Upton
Jeff Davis	Uvalde
Jim Hogg	Val Verde
Karnes	Ward
Kendall	Wheeler
Kimble	Willacy
Kinney	Williamson
Kleberg	Wilson
La Salle	Winkler
Lee	Wise
Liberty	Zapata
Lipscomb	Zavala

RED FLAG WARNINGS: www.weather.gov

Additional map formats available at <https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/Burnbans/>

Keetch-Byram Drought Index



Fire Activity (*Last 24 Hours)

Reports 669 (+6) fires and 149,337 (+55) acres destroyed this year. There are 108 (No Change) with burn bans. The Keetch-Byram Drought Index list 164 (No Change) counties with an average over 400.

